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**NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS
REGARDING SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE
RATES FOR
PIPELINE SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PLAN
APPLICATION A.18-11-010**

Date/Time	Location
November 12 – November 14, 2019 Hearing at 10:00 a.m. each day	California Public Utilities Commission Commission Hearing Room 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is currently reviewing San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E®) and Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas®) application requesting a rate increase to cover costs for the implementation of the Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP). The Evidentiary Hearings will take place on the dates and location noted above. Any changes to the dates, times and locations of the Evidentiary Hearings (EH) will be posted to the CPUC's Daily Calendar.

The location for this hearing is wheelchair accessible. If you need a non-English language interpreter or special assistance, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at the address listed at the bottom of this notice at least three business days in advance of the hearing date you plan to attend.

SDG&E' REQUEST

On November 13, 2018, SDG&E and SoCalGas jointly filed their application no. A.18-11-010 requesting CPUC approval of a rate increase to cover costs for the implementation of the PSEP. This complies with CPUC Rulemaking (R.)11-02-019 requiring the adoption of new safety and reliability regulations for natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines.

Based on rates in effect when the application was filed, the gas bill for a typical residential bundled non-CARE customer using 23 therms per month would increase from \$30.84 to \$32.13, or 4.2%.

This application requests recovery of Phase 1 safety plan costs, which include the testing and replacing of natural gas pipelines, valves and other project management costs (e.g. Program Management Office, supply management, communication and outreach, training, etc.) that support SDG&E's and SoCalGas' safety enhancement plan. To recover these costs, SDG&E has requested a revenue increase of \$23 million starting in 2020. If the CPUC approves this application, the increase would be charged to customers over a 12-month period, or until the costs are fully recovered. Recovery of costs incurred for additional safety related work will be requested in future applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may request additional information or obtain a copy of this proposal from SDG&E and SoCalGas by writing to Diana Alcala, Regulatory Case Manager, Southern California Gas Company, 555 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

You may also view a copy of the application and related documents on SDG&E's website:

<https://www.sdge.com/rates-and-regulations/proceedings/application-review-incurred-costs-executing-psep>

A copy of the Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan application may also be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, please contact them at aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2045.

CPUC PROCESS

At these Evidentiary Hearings, the assigned Judge will receive testimonies from SDG&E and SoCalGas, consumer advocacy groups, and other parties to this proceeding. These hearings are open to the public but only those who are parties to the proceeding may present evidence, testimony, and be subject to cross-examination. The hearings and documents submitted during this proceeding will become part of the formal record that the Judge will rely upon in writing a proposed decision to present to the Commissioners for their consideration.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SDG&E's and SoCalGas' proposal, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

As a party of record, the Public Advocates Office (CalPA) has reviewed this application. CalPA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. CalPA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about CalPA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail publicadvocatesoffice@cpuc.ca.gov or visit CalPA's website at www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov/.

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Please reference the “**SDG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Application A.18-11-010**” in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.